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Setting up of Universities by States
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has relaxed the rules and regulation for setting up of new universities by the State Governments;
(b) if so, whether the Government has given permission to the State Governments to open new universities whereas the existing universities are facing severe financial problems; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): Education being in the concurrent list, the creation of new institutions is the responsibility of both Central Government and the State Governments. The State Universities are set up by Acts passed by the State Legislature and the Central Government has no role to play in setting up State Universities. It is for the States to decide depending on their requirements.
Presently, the thrust of the Central Government is on the consolidation and quality improvement in the higher education system and expansion would mainly be done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions.
Recognizing this need, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), central assistance is provided for 'Creation of Universities by way of upgradation of existing autonomous colleges' and 'Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster' under Components 1 and 2 of the scheme, respectively. RUSA also provides grants for infrastructural development of the existing State Universities under Component 3: 'Infrastructure grants to Universities' of the scheme.
Till date, Rs. 385 crore for 7 universities through Upgradation of Autonomous colleges, Rs. 440 crore for 8 Universities through Clustering of colleges and Rs. 2279.53 crore for 115 Universities as Infrastructure grants to Universities have been approved.
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